

# AMHERST/LA PAZ CENTRO SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

## Minutes

September 18, 2013

PRESENT: Liz Etheridge, Victoria Febonio, Nancy Milch, Kathy and Walter Mullins, Mary Santiago, Anne and Ed Stanek, Carol Wood, Lydia Vernon Jones.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Kathy reports that we have \$9086.33 in our account. This includes \$3333 from the Tag Sale and \$150 from donations in memory of Ted Gilbert – father of Mark Gilbert.

As the bank account is open again (Michael, Julio's wife's son, is the co-signer), Kathy will be wiring \$915 to Julio. This covers:

Tutoring of 11 classes at \$8 per class:	\$88
Student fees of \$6.60 per student:	\$171.60
Julio's salary:	\$77 per month
Electricity:	\$15 per month
Water:	\$12 per month

We voted to give Julio a 3% raise in salary.

### TAG SALE

The Tag Sale was a great success. There was a large amount of furniture, thanks in part to a house-full that was donated by an organization that helps folk to move into assisted living.

Two of the First Congregational Church tables were damaged as a result of falling off the truck while being transported to the Tag Sale. There was some discussion as to whether we should buy the church a new plastic table for \$150, possibly get a used one from the Pelham Congregational Church which is closing, give the church a monetary donation or simply point out the problem and see what the Board of Property members would like us to do. Lydia will follow up with the Board of Property at the church and report back to us.

## 2015 DELEGATION

Liz and Victoria are suggesting that they might co-lead the next delegation but involve more delegation members in sub-committees to work on various aspects – especially the fundraising aspects.

Liz says she already has a potential list of 21 who are interested in going on the next delegation. This list includes only a handful of new folk. There is an ongoing discussion as to how many new delegates there should be for each trip. We had also discussed the possibility of recruiting another couple of youth delegates from South Congregational Church as they have been very supportive of our project over the years and it would be good to involve another group.

## ANNUAL FUNDRAISING LETTER

**Walter** volunteered to write the letter. **Anne** will send him an electronic copy of last year's letter. **Nancy** has volunteered to receive the donations, send out the thank you cards and keep track of the income. **Kathy** has volunteered to get a new stamp with Nancy's address and edit the card insert. **Lydia** will update the brochure again. **Liz** suggested adding a picture of the tree painted with handprints that the last delegation had done. **Ed** will put together the Master List of addresses and send them out for everyone's edits and additions. **Anne** will contact the secretary at the Select Board Office to get the list of Amherst Town Meeting members and request the envelope donation that the town usually supplies.

Our next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Stanek